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Note verbale dated 10 May 1999 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,* has the honour to transmit the registration data for objects launched by China in the period from September 1997 to December 1998 (see annex).

* General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

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Annex

Registration data on space objects launched by China from September 1997 to December 1998*

1. From September 1997 to December 1998, China launched the following space objects:

Name of space object	*Date of launch*	*Basic orbital characteristics*				*General function of space objects*
		Nodal period (minutes)	*Inclination (degrees)*	*Apogee (km)*	*Perigee (km)*	
Two mass and frequency simulators (MFS) of Motorola Iridium	1 September 1997	About 100 minutes	86.38	638.8	626.2	None
Motorola Iridium No. 42, No. 44 (launched by a Chinese launcher LM-2C/SD from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China)	8 December 1997	About 100 minutes	86.29	632.0	628.8	Motorola Iridium system used for telecommunication service
Motorola Iridium No. 51, No. 61 (launched by a Chinese launcher LM-2C/SD from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China)	26 March 1998	About 100 minutes	86.4	628.2	626.7	Motorola Iridium system used for telecommunication service
Motorola Iridium No. 69, No. 71 (launched by a Chinese launcher LM-2C/SD from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China)	2 May 1998	About 100 minutes	86.35	634.49	632.49	Motorola Iridium system used for telecommunication service
Motorola Iridium No. 76, No. 03 (launched by a Chinese launcher LM-2C/SD from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China)	20 August 1998	About 100 minutes	86.4	635.6	612.35	Motorola Iridium system used for telecommunication service
Motorola Iridium No. 88, No. 89 (launched by a Chinese launcher LM-2C/SD from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China)	19 December 1998	About 100 minutes	86.35	646.92	629.9	Motorola Iridium system used for telecommunication service

2. The above-mentioned orbit parameters are the initial orbit parameters of the space objects. Motorola Inc. is responsible for Iridium system operation; the nominal orbit parameters should be provided by Motorola Inc.

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